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An aerial photograph of Seattle, Washington, taken during the golden hour of sunset. The Space Needle is prominently featured in the foreground on the right side, its white structure silhouetted against the bright orange and yellow sky. The city's dense urban landscape is visible below, with various buildings and streets. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, hazy atmosphere over the city and the surrounding water.

Health

Where *Equity,*

Innovation,

& Engagement meet.

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the public health system has served our state with distinction and professionalism during this global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, public health is an essential government service that monitors, prevents, and responds to disease outbreaks, works to prevent illness and injury, promotes health and wellbeing, and ensures our state is prepared for emergencies; and

WHEREAS, public health recognizes the inherent wisdom, power, and resolve within all communities in achieving their highest health potential, while acknowledging the longstanding impact of systemic inequities-including racism and other forms of oppression-particularly on historically marginalized and underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, responding efficiently and equitably to public health emergencies saves taxpayer dollars and protects our economy; and

WHEREAS, professionals from the Washington State Department of Health, our 35 local health jurisdictions, and our tribal public health partners, including 29 sovereign nations and 2 urban Indian health organizations protect the health of residents and visitors across Washington state; and

WHEREAS, a hallmark of Washington's public health system is extensive and effective collaboration among a wide range of public and private sector partners and these dedicated professionals provide Washingtonians with foundational public health services; and

WHEREAS, in April, the nation celebrates Public Health Week to celebrate the critical role of a strong public health system that is always working to prevent and respond to disease; and

WHEREAS, to ensure everyone has a chance at a long and healthy life, public health is essential to tackling the underlying causes of poor health and disease-rooted in systemic inequities and where we live, learn, work, and play-in keeping with the national Public Health Week theme, Building Bridges to Better Health; and


WHEREAS, Washington state is committed to ensuring that all residents are healthy from the start, have equitable access to optimal health opportunities, and to ensuring we raise the healthiest next generation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby recognize April 5-11, 2021, as

Public Health Week

in Washington, and I urge all people to join me in thanking the public health professionals working on our behalf to make our state one of the healthiest in the nation.

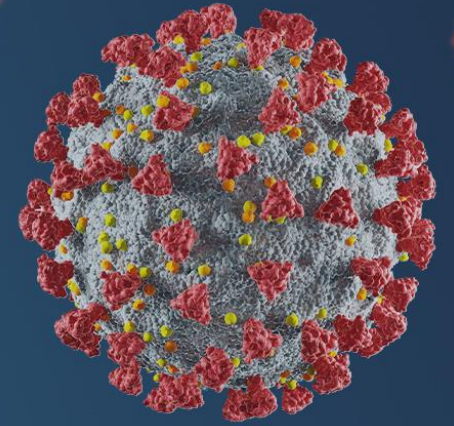
Signed this 29th day of March, 2021


Governor Jay Inslee



COVID-19

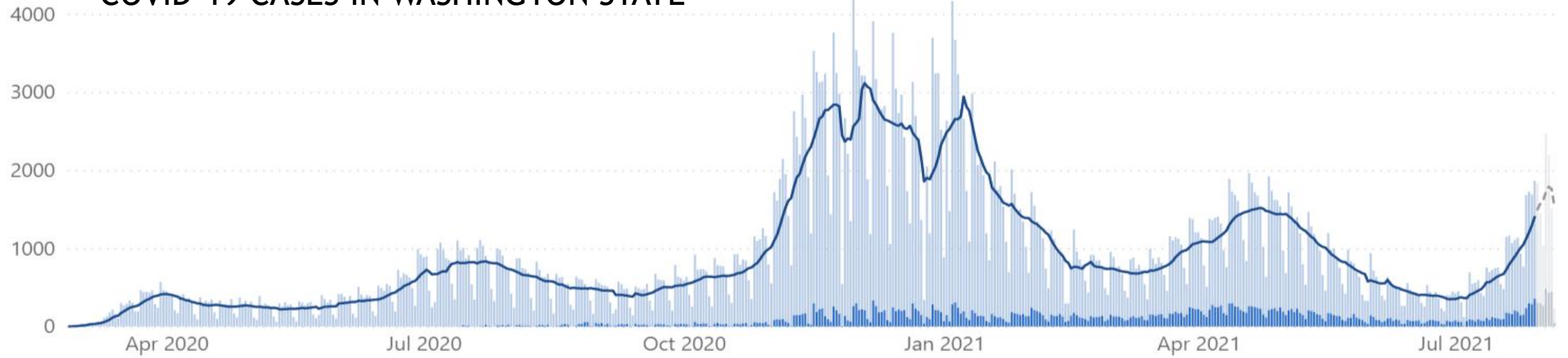
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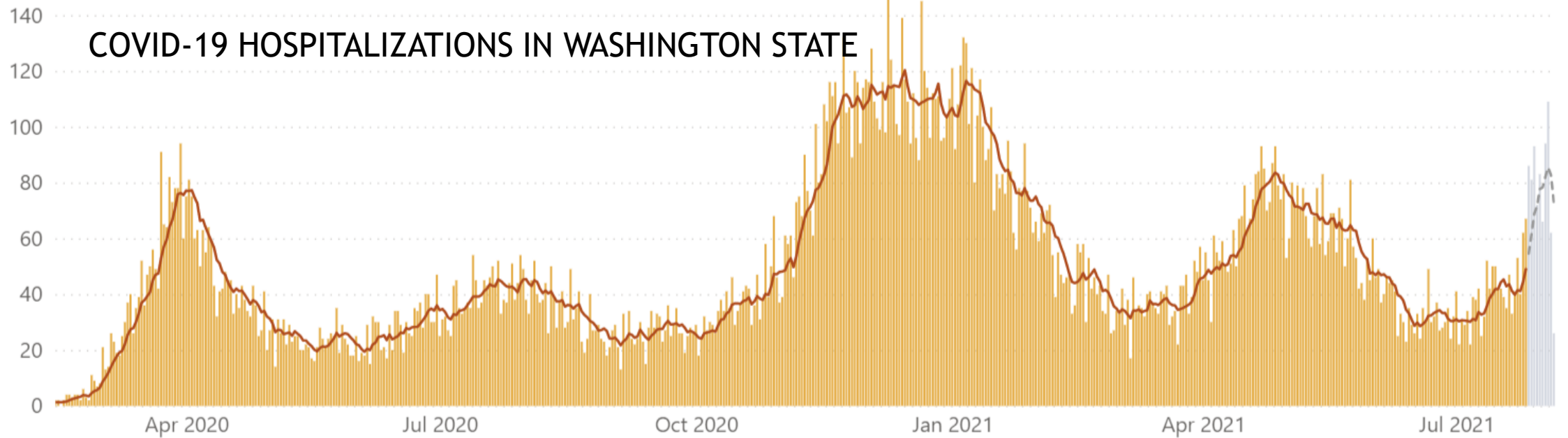
- Delta variant is now dominant
- Continued vaccine push
- Unvaccinated people most at risk



COVID-19 CASES IN WASHINGTON STATE



COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS IN WASHINGTON STATE

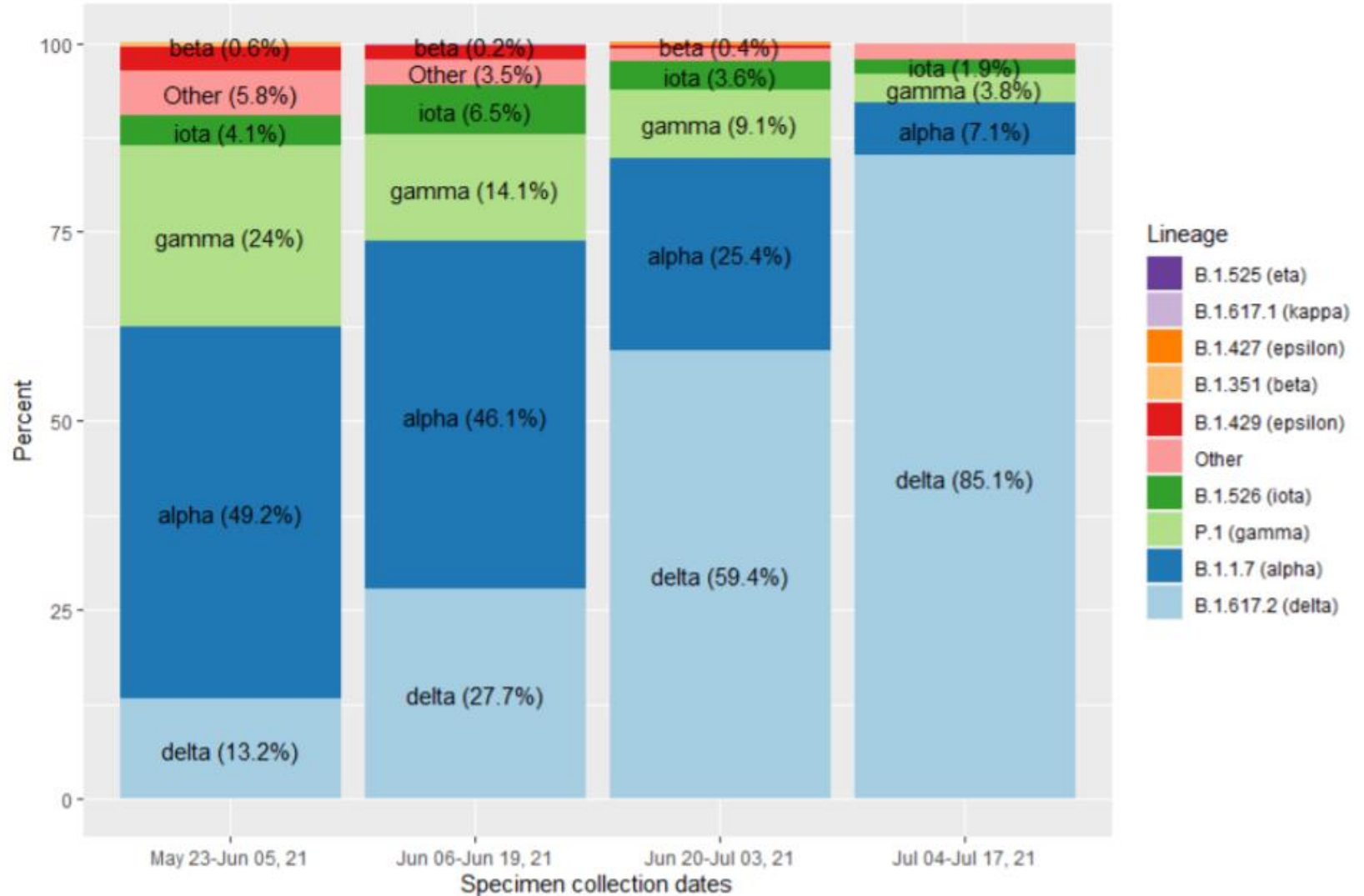


Delta

Spreads more than twice as easily than earlier strains.

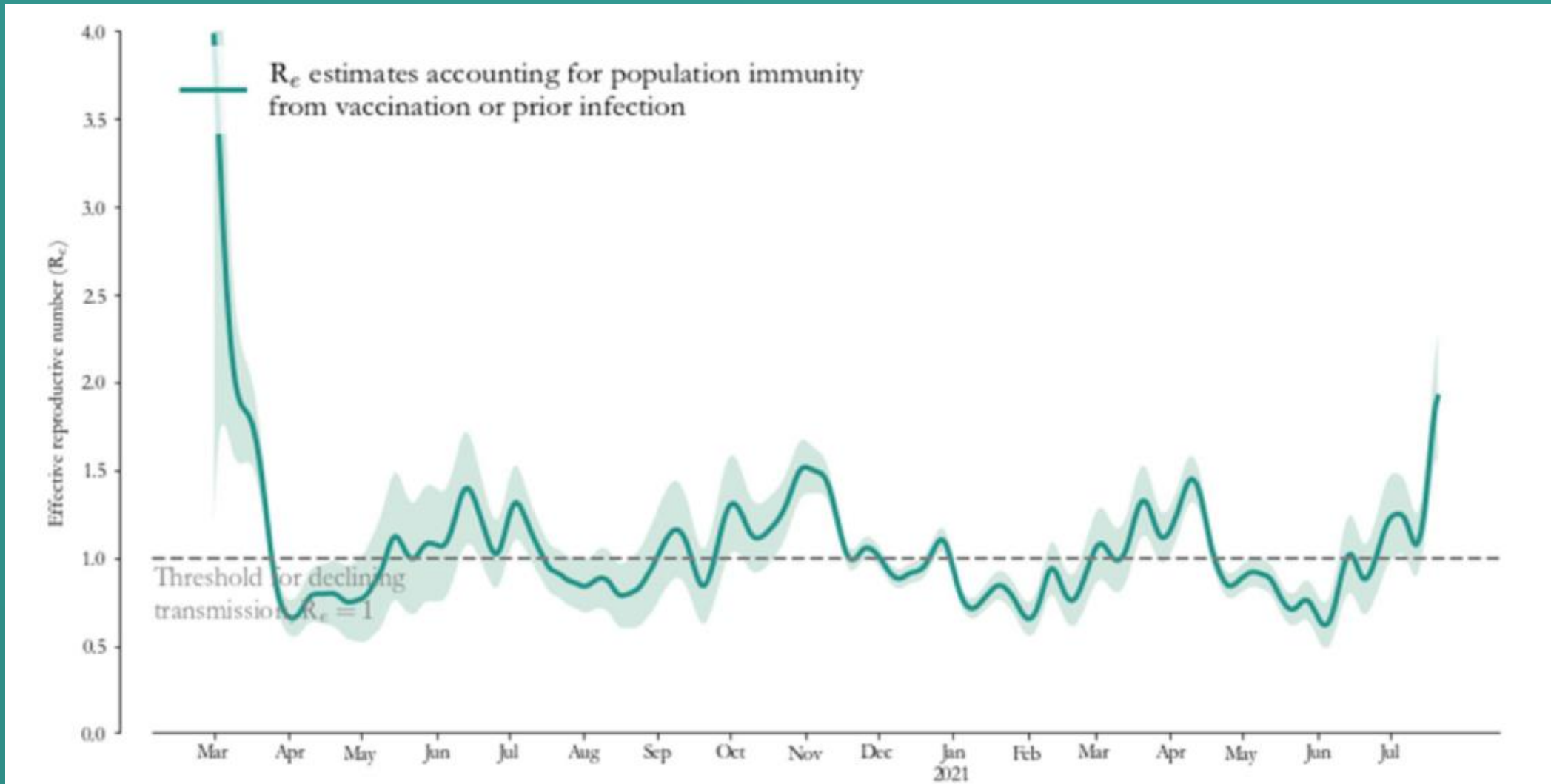
Recently surged to become the predominant variant in Washington.

BIWEEKLY PROPORTIONS OF THE MOST COMMON SARS-CoV-2 VARIANTS



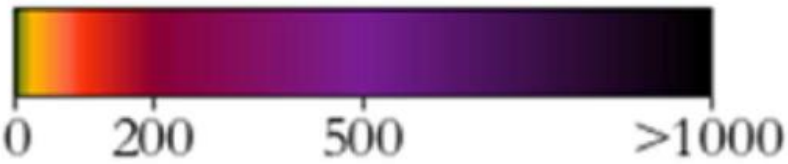
Source: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/data-tables/420-316-SequencingAndVariantsReport.pdf> (8/4/2021)

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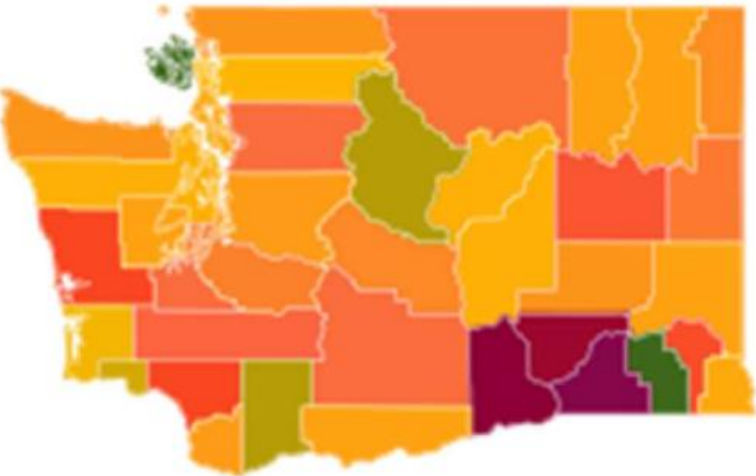


Source : Modeling and Surveillance Update (8/9/2021)

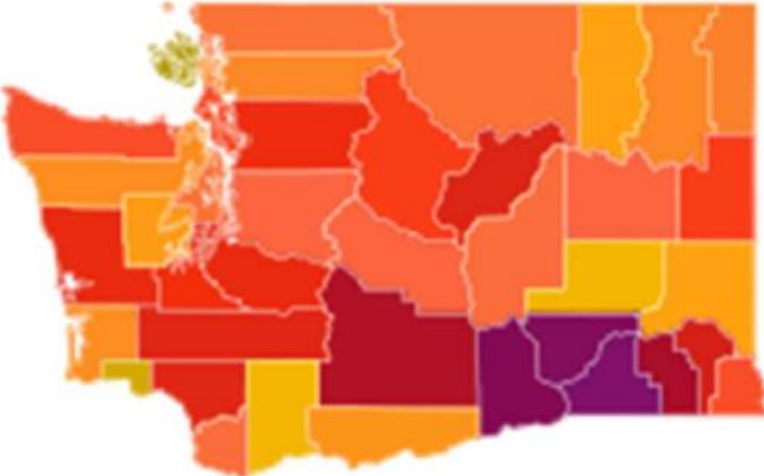
COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people



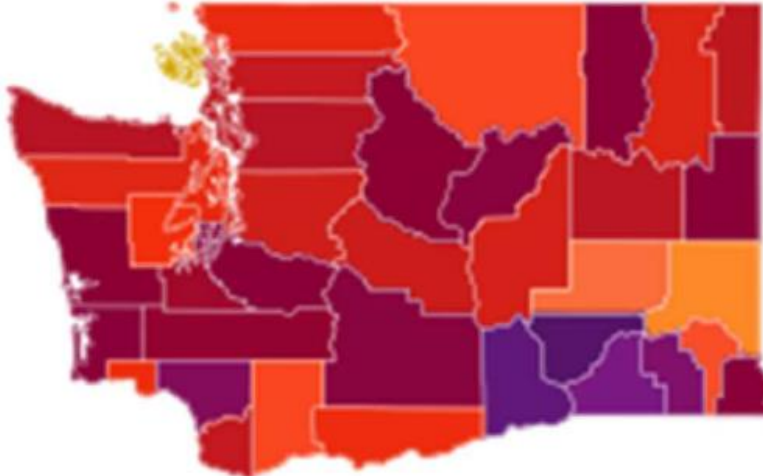
Two weeks ending on July 8



Two weeks ending on July 16



Two weeks ending on July 27



COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout in Washington State

Conceptually, vaccine rollout can be thought of as a three-legged stool: supply, logistics, and demand.

All three legs are necessary to be effective in balancing goals of getting as many Washingtonians vaccinated quickly and equitably. Any imbalance in the “legs” of the stool during different phases of vaccine rollout will lead to challenges in the ultimate goal of achieving adequate vaccine coverage across Washington.



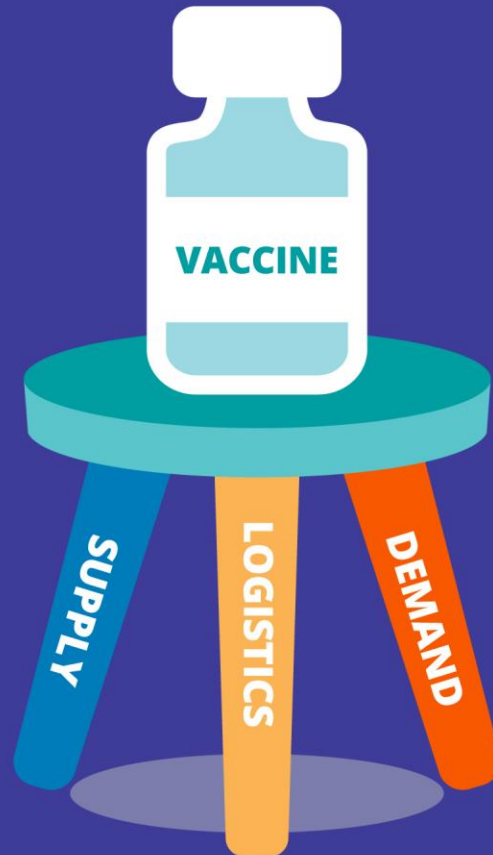
SUPPLY

Number of vaccine doses coming into state of Washington and then to local communities



LOGISTICS

Ability to administer vaccine doses when available in a timely and effective manner



DEMAND

Willingness of Washingtonians to seek and/or receive vaccine when eligible and available

As of August 8,
almost

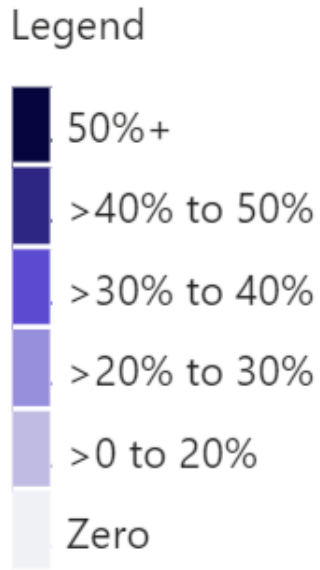
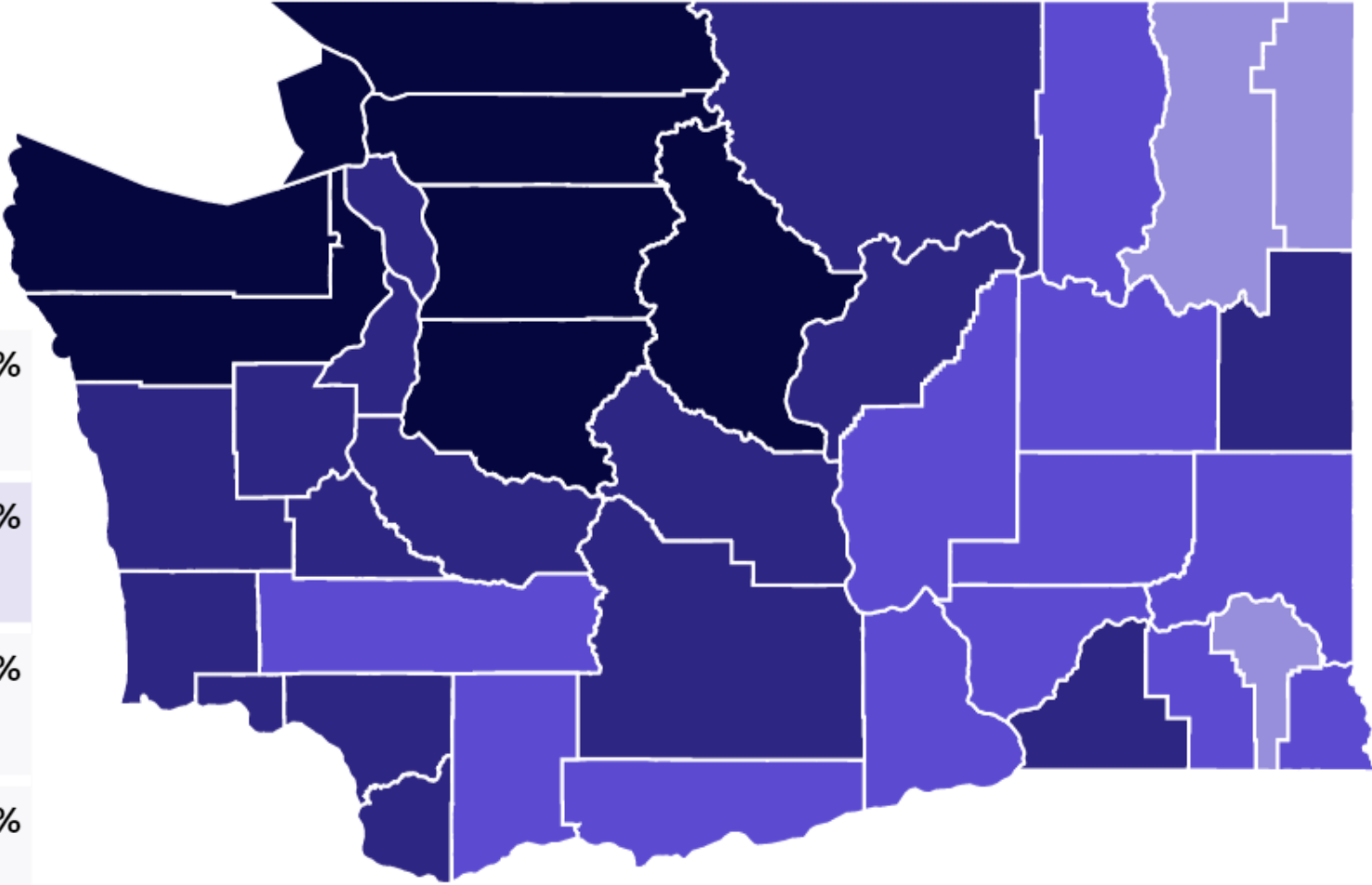
8.2 million doses

of COVID-19 vaccine
have been given out to
more than

4.5 million people

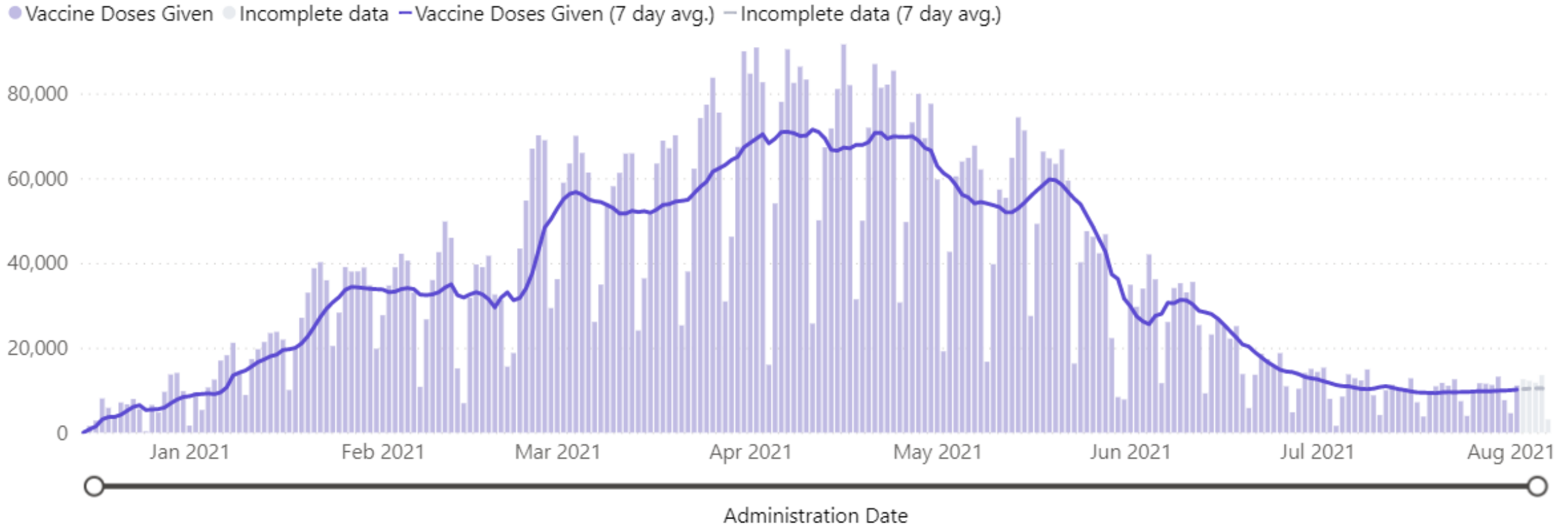


TOTAL POPULATION FULLY VACCINATED IN WASHINGTON STATE



Percent of Total Population Initiating Vaccination	58.0%
Percent of Total Population Fully Vaccinated	53.0%
Percent of Population Initiating Vaccination (16+)	69.5%
Percent of Population Fully Vaccinated (16+)	63.8%
Percent of Population Initiating Vaccination (12+)	68.0%
Percent of Population Fully Vaccinated (12+)	62.2%

Vaccine Doses Given by Date in Washington



#VaccinateWA



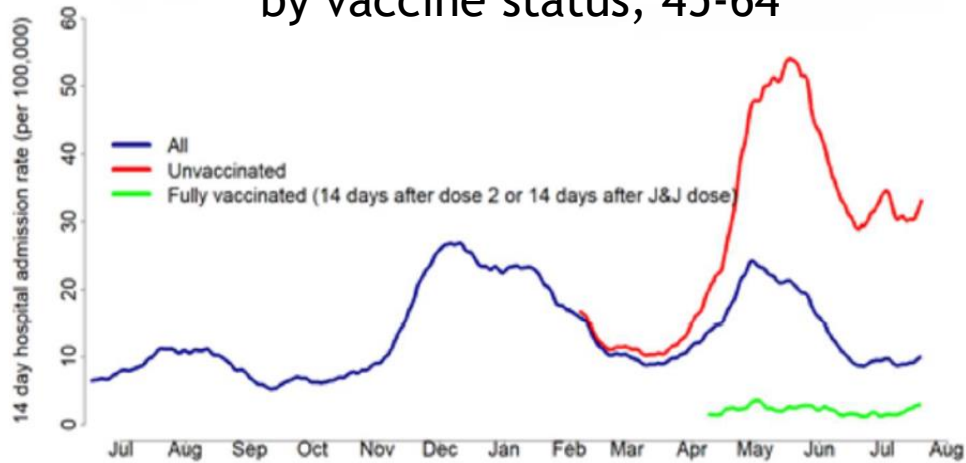
Vaccinations by age group:

Almost 4 out of 5 in the 65+ group are fully protected

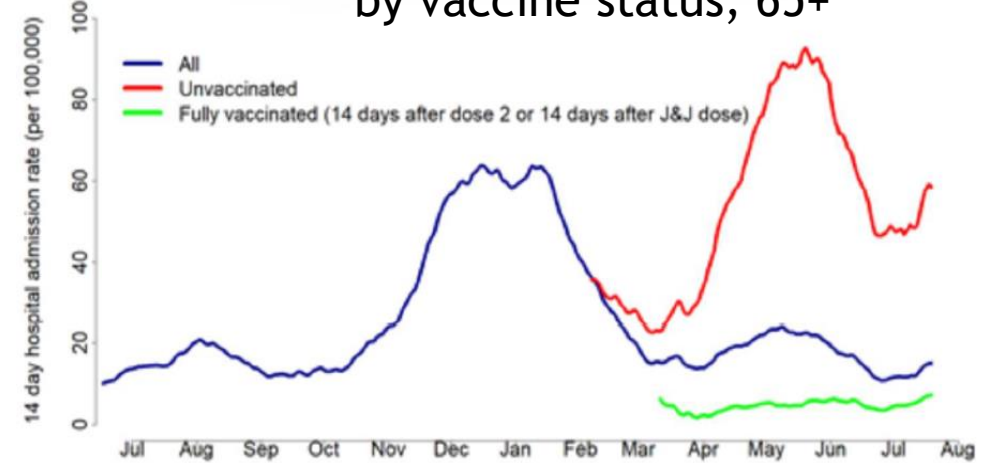


Power of Vaccines

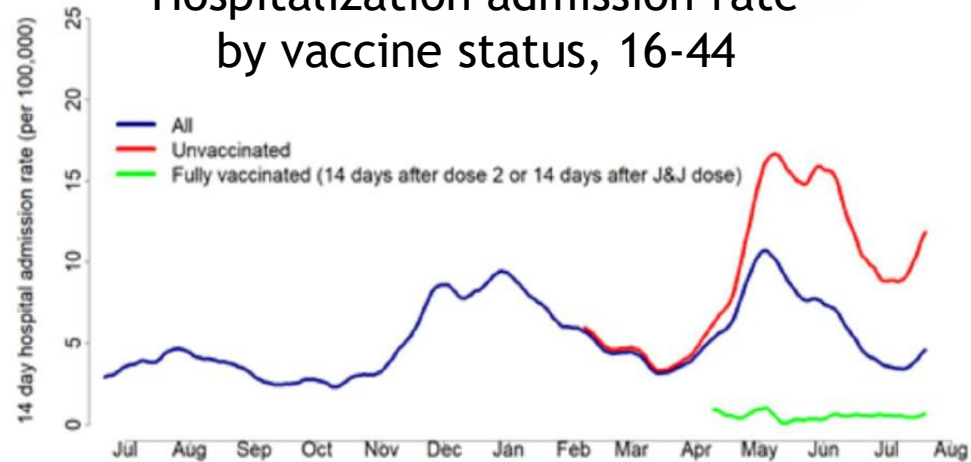
Hospitalization admission rate by vaccine status, 45-64



Hospitalization admission rate by vaccine status, 65+



Hospitalization admission rate by vaccine status, 16-44



Source: Modeling and Surveillance Update (8/9/2021)



Youth Vaccines



	RACE/ETHNICITY OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED (%)	TOTAL WA POPULATION (%)
White	63%	67%
Asian	12%	9%
Hispanic	9%	13%
Black	3%	4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1%	1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1%	1%



ADDRESSING HEALTH MISINFORMATION WILL REQUIRE A WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY EFFORT.



Read the Surgeon General's Advisory on CONFRONTING HEALTH MISINFORMATION
[SurgeonGeneral.gov](https://www.SurgeonGeneral.gov)

Use **trusted information** when choosing to get a **COVID-19 vaccine**.



www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

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Las vacunas contra el COVID-19 no han sido vinculadas con la infertilidad.

Si el COVID-19 afectara la fertilidad, veríamos una disminución en el número de nacimientos. Eso no ha pasado.

[VacunaDeCovidWA.org](https://www.VacunaDeCovidWA.org)





Importance of public health and the health care systems working together

Power of Providers



POP Initiative Highlights

- Depots/Redistribution of small order sizes
- Volunteer staffing
- On-going provider training & resource development
- Promote vaccination at urgent care and hospital departments
- Support providers with pro-equity strategies

Partner Associations

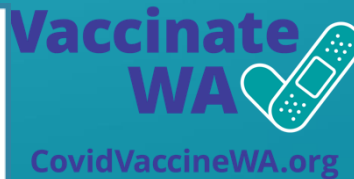
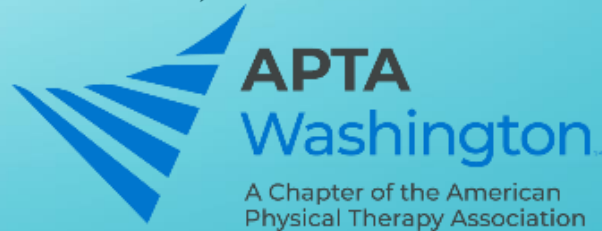


Washington State
Medical Association

Physician Driven, Patient Focused



Washington State
Hospital Association



Washington Association for
Community Health



Mask guidance

- With the rise of the Delta variant, fully vaccinated people are recommended to mask in public indoor spaces
- People who are unvaccinated are required to mask up indoors



K-12 schools guidance

- **Masks required**
- **Changes to quarantine**
- **Changes to distancing**



COVID-19 Vaccination Proclamation

- Governor Inslee announces Covid-19 vaccine requirement for most state workers and health care workers across WA
- Workers need to be fully vaccinated by October 18, 2021

#InItTogether



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